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PRELIMINARY REMARKS WITH RCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the <u>final</u> Office Action dated January 30, 2007, and further in response to the Advisory Action dated May 9, 2007, please consider these Preliminary Remarks <u>in addition</u> to Amendment-C of April 26, 2007 filed under 37 CFR 1.116. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

A petition for one-month extension of time period is being concurrently filed and fee for same is being paid online via EFS-Web.